Treatment Protocol: EYE PROBLEM

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- 1. Assess airway and initiate basic and/or advanced airway maneuvers prn (MCG 1302)
- 2. Assess for additional signs of trauma
 If traumatic injury suspected, treat in conjunction with *TP 1244, Traumatic Injury*
- 3. If penetrating globe injury present/suspected, shield the eye and position patient at 45 degrees ①
 Do not put any pressure on the eye
- 4. Do not remove any impaled foreign bodies from eye; secure them in place
- 5. If contacts lenses are present and the patient is unable to remove them, leave in place
- 6. Establish vascular access prn (MCG 1375)
- 7. Burns to eye:

Chemical Burn – Irrigate with **Normal Saline 1L**Thermal Burn – Cover with dry dressing
Treat in conjunction with *TP 1220, Burns*

8. For eye pain: (MCG 1345)

Fentanyl 50mcg (1mL) slow IV push or IM/IN

Repeat every 5 min prn, maximum total dose prior to Base contact 200mcg

Morphine 4mg (1mL) slow IV push or IM

Repeat every 5 min prn, maximum total dose prior to Base contact 12mg

CONTACT BASE for additional pain management after maximum dose administered: May repeat as above up to maximum total dose Fentanyl 250mcg or Morphine 20mg

9. For nausea or vomiting:

Ondansetron 4mg ODT/IV/IM, may repeat x1 in 15 min prn

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SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

• Consider a penetrating globe injury with any eye trauma, especially penetrating trauma, large subconjunctival hemorrhage, abnormal shaped pupil or iris, or the appearance of fluid or tissue coming from the eye.

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